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1. AECL PRESIDENT LOREN GRAY ARRIVED TOKYO ON DECEMBER 10 FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPANESE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY AND ENERGY OFFICIALS ON MERITS OF CANDU REACTOR SYSTEM DURING HIS VISIT HE PLANS MEET WITH TOP OFFICIAL OF FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS (KEIDANREN) AND VISIT TEPCO AND OTHER MAJOR UTILITIES.

2. IN INTERVIEW WITH REPORTER OF JAPANESE NEWSPAPER "NIHON KEIZAI" GRAY REPORTEDLY MADE FOLLOWING POINTS: A) PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT IS TO ASSURE THAT JAPANESE OFFICIALS FULLY UNDERSTAND CANDU SYSTEM; B) WITHIN TEN YEARS JAPAN MAY BE SHORT OF ENRICHED URANIUM, THEREFORE CANDU MAY BE ADVANTAGEOUS; C) SINCE CANDU USES PRESSURE TUBES RATHER THAN PRESSURE VESSEL, IT IS SIMPLER THAN LWR AND POWER CAN BE INCREASED MERELY BY ADDING PRESSURE TUBES; D) CANDU REACTOR IS IS EXCELLENT FROM SAFETY ASPECT; E) NATURAL URANIUM AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT WORLD AT STABLE PRICE AND CANDU SYSTEM OBTAINS TWICE THE ENERGY FROM GIVEN QUANTITY OF NATURAL URANIUM AS LWR; F) AVAILABILITY OF JAPANESE LWRS AROUND 60 PERCENT WHEREAS AVAILABILITY OF PICKERING REACTORS HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN OVER 90 PER-
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CENT; G) IN VIEW OF ADVANTAGES CITED ABOVE, ARGENTINA AND KOREA

RECENTLY DECIDED PURCHASE CANDU REACTORS; AND H) CANADA PREFERS
ADOPT JOINT VENTURE APPROACH AND IN CASE OF KOREA WOULD LIKE HAVE
HITACHI OR MITSUBISHI AS PARTNER, PROBABLY TO PROVIDE TURBOGENERATOR.
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